

somewhere in there in the middle, but that it is the opportunity for a process to begin. And I want to just express my appreciation for those who've taken the patience and the time. Some of you have taken a tremendous amount of pressure and have been pulled from a lot of different ways. And there'll be other speakers, perhaps, today that'll voice those opinions. But the bottom line is, you really are doing a service to the state, the entire state, even though it may be painful at times to do. And to those people particularly who have had some problems with these bills and what they may mean, those problems are only out of a concern of what's best for their citizens and their constituents, and I think that's what we have in mind here as well. I appreciate people's patience, acceptance of the property tax package and I'd like to withdraw the motion, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, read the bill, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 299 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 299 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2029 of the Legislative Journal.) 36 ayes, 11 nays, 2 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 299 passes with the emergency clause attached. Mr. Clerk, LB 1114.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to return the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Unlike Senator Kristensen, I'll at least leave the motion up for anyone who wishes to discuss pro and con to at least make a comment. I think on issues that are such of importance, I think it's only the fairest thing to do. I would have made some of the comments on 299, but I'll go ahead and combine both of the two on this particular one. Nothing that anyone says today